



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in St. Louis, State of Missouri, on July 8, 1997.

ARCH COAL, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffry N. Quinn

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Jeffry N. Quinn  
Senior Vice President

To the Securities and Exchange Commission:

We have read Item 4 included in the attached Form 8-K/A-1 dated July 8, 1997 of Arch Coal, Inc. to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are in agreement with the statements contained therein.

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

Arthur Andersen LLP

St. Louis, Missouri  
July 8, 1997